

# SAFESPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

“ We believe that every neighbourhood should have a welcoming space where young people feel safe to connect, participate and build positive relationships ”

**Safe Spaces for Young People** is a developing network of churches and Christian-led projects that provide safe spaces for young people to gather at the same time every week. The concept came from local youth workers wanting to resource and increase youth provision across the city.

Each Safe Space will be different depending on the context in which it is located and the people running it. These spaces might be buildings, parks or sports clubs.

The network is held together by core values and principles to which each Safe Space will sign up.

Each Safe Space will have their own Coordinator acting as a point of contact, connecting with other local Safe Spaces and being part of the network.

For more information or to find your nearest **Safe Space for Young People** go to our website:

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# The network has developed a set of guiding principles outlining the values & principles for all Safe Spaces, known as the 5 P's.

## **PLACE:**

An accessible space open at the same time on a regular basis for young people to engage with.

## **PEOPLE:**

Open to young people in the neighbourhood regardless of circumstances and or situation, facilitated by a suitable ratio of DBS checked staff and/or volunteers.

## **PRESENCE:**

A place where all young people can feel safe, actively listen to one another, and form friendships and relationships.

## **PROVISION:**

Positive relationships and activities that engage young people. Seeking the holistic development of young people physically, economically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Supporting and signposting young people to more specialised provision where appropriate.

## **PARTICIPATION:**

Encouraging the expression of unique talents, experiences and skills in Safe Spaces or in wider community projects and activities.

- Do you have an existing youth activity and would be interested in joining the Safe Spaces network?
- Do you have a community building and/or volunteers and would be interested in setting up a new Safe Space?

If you see a need for regular youth provision in your community we may be able to support you to establish and maintain a regular activity for young people in your community. If you and your team would value some youth work training and the opportunity to meet others delivering youth activities locally Safe Spaces could help.

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